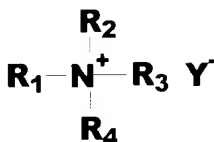


56. The method of claim 32, wherein the ionic liquid satisfies the formula:



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄ are alkyls and Y⁻ is selected from a group consisting essentially of halides, sulfates, nitrates, acetates, nitrites, tetrafluoroborates, tetrachloroborates, hexafluorophosphates, [SbF₆], chloroaluminates, bromoaluminates, chlorocuprates, heteropolyanions, trifluoromethanesulfonates, and mixtures thereof.

REMARKS

Claims 29-32 are pending in the application. New claims 33-56 are added. No new matter is added.

Examination of the subject application is respectfully requested.

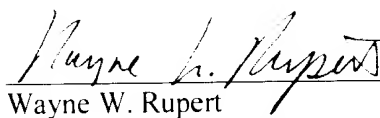
CONCLUSION

If any minor issues remain to be addressed prior to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned patent attorney at the Portland telephone number listed below.

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